

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT FOR 2006

PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT VII

Cases initiated in 2006	222
Approved	188
Requested Information	1
Prosecution Declined	32
Cases resolved in 2006	215
Found Guilty	159
Acquitted	8
Filed*	0
Dismissed	27
Prosecution Declined	21

Incidents involving a firearm***

* District VII has a policy of no filings.

** The report is currently unable to tabulate the number of defendants sentenced to attend the Batterer's Intervention Program as part of their probation.

*** The report is currently not tabulating the number of domestic violence cases in which a firearm is used.

Narrative:

Prosecutorial District VII includes Hancock and Washington Counties. There are District Courts in Ellsworth, Machias and Calais and Superior Courts in Ellsworth and Machias. Because of the distances involved, two prosecutors are assigned to domestic violence cases, one in each county. Each prosecutor has a non-domestic violence caseload as well. District VII has two victim/witness advocates designated to domestic violence, one in each county. These positions are grant-funded.

Hancock County has a detective/liaison officer who works out of the District Attorney's office on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. This position began as a grant-funded position but funding is gradually being assumed the County.

Staff in both counties work closely with the Next Step Domestic Violence Project.